(c) what action has been proposed to be taken on those grievances by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Home Minister had received a number of Memoranda during his visit to Arunachal Pradesh on 2223 June, 1994 on diverse issues including some demanding the deportation of Chakma and Hajong refugees and all other foreign nationals and regarding the border-dispute between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Refugees have been settled in the past in many parts of the country including Arunachal Pradesh. The matter regarding the grant of citizenship to the Chakma and Hajong refugees who came to India in 1964 and were settled in Arunachal Pradesh has been receiving consideration. Although these refugees are eligible for grant of Indian citizenship under the Indian Citizenship Act, 1955 the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh has been expressing its inability to accommodate them on account of local considerations. The matter regarding other foreign nationals are to be dealt with under the provisions of the Foreigners' Act, 1946. As regards the border dispute between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, the Government of India has advised both the State Governments to exercise restraint and to sort out the border dispute through mutual discussions.

Resumption of Supplies to M/s Ramachandran and Co. by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation

3962. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has reactivated/ resumed the supplies of M/s. B. Ramachandran & Co. located at Khade gaon, Maharashtra on the instruction of his Ministry;

(b) whether it was terminated or it was inactive from the last more than two decades;

(c) whether the reactivation of supplies after such long period is in accordance of dealership agreement signed between ESSO and the party;

(d) whether the supplies are resumed because no notice to terminate the dealership agreement was ever served; and

(e) if not, what are the other reasons/ grounds for the reactivation of supplies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) This dealership was inactive from 1973, and has been restored by the Government as a special case, without constituting a precedent.

Supply of Gas to Domestic and Industrial Sectors in Gujarat and Maharashtra

3963. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made for supply of gas to domestic and industrial sectors of Bombay, Surat, Baroda, Gandhidham, Bharuch and Ahmedabad in Gurarat and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what were the targets fixed for the last three years;

(c) what is the quantum of gas supplied during the last three years;

(d) what are the reasons for supplying lesser gas than the required quantity; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to increase the quota of natural gas to the areas mentioned above in Gujarat and Maharashtra?

(a) THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Natural gas is being supplied to domestic and industrial sectors in Surat, Baroda and Bharuch/Ankleshwar. GAIL propose to implement the Bombay City Gas Distribution Project through a joint venture company. No allocations have been made for the supply of gas in Ahmedabad and Gandhidham.

(b) to (d) The allocations and the supplies are shown below:

	Allocations	Supplies		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Baroda	0.06	0.058	0.063	0.064
Bharuch/ Ankleshwar	0.17	0.099	0.210	0.180
Surat	0.30	0.40*	0.230	0.280

*Started in September, 1991.

As may be seen from the above, supplies have been more or less as per allocation.

(e) Keeping in view the availability of gas and the commitments made, it is not feasible to make further allocations to the above areas at present.

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3964. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम में गत दो वर्षों के दौरान मंत्रालय को विभिन्न स्रोतों से किन-किन स्थानों पर नई गैस एजेंसियां खोलने की मांगे प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) क्या मंत्रालय ने उपरोक्त सभी मांगों की जांच कराई है ताकि यह पता लगाया जा सके कि ये एजेंसियां किन-किन स्थानों पर खोलना उचित होगा;

(ग) यदि भाग "ख" का उत्तर "हां" है तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इन स्थानों पर गैस एजेंसियां खोलने हेतु क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (घ) हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम सहित देश के विभिन्न भागों से एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की स्थापना हेतु समय-समय पर अनुरोध प्राप्त होते हैं, आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता और उत्पाद उपलब्धता की शर्त पर एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें जिला मुख्यालयों तथा 20,000 और अधिक की जनसंख्या वाले नगरों में चरणबद्ध ढंग से खोली जाती हैं।

Supply or flared up gas from Assam to Calcutta and other places in eastern India.

3965. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether Government are exploring the possibilities of eastablishing a pipeline network to bring natural gas which is being flared in various oil and gas fields in Assam to Calcutta and other major urban centres in Eastern India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): Only 1.82 MMSCMD of gas was flared in Assam in 1993-94. The flaring is planned to be reduced this year. It is not feasible to transport such small volumes to Calcutta and Eastern States.

Allotment of LPG agencies in Karnataka

3966. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies which have been sanctioned in Karnataka during the year 1993-94 and the names and addresses of persons to whom the agencies have been sanctioned;

(b) whether the allotment of LPG agencies in Karnataka have been made through the Oil Selection Board or by the discretionary quota of the Ministry;

(c) if so, how many LPG agencies have been sanctioned in Karnataka from the discretionary quota and names, addresses of such persons with locations of gas agencies; and

(d) what is the criteria to allot such agencies out of the discretionary quota of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) During the year 1993-94 twenty (20) LPG distributorships have been allotted in Karnataka. Out of these, six (6) LPG distributorships were allotted under the discretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds. Allotments on compassionate grounds are made in deserving gases keeping in view the circumstances of each case.

Expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery

3967. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the